

A VOYAGE THROUGH CYBERSPACE

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE DESCRIBES THE ARMY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE PORTAL AS PRESENTED BY THE INTERNET EXPLORER BROWSER.

IMAGINE HOW HANDY IT WOULD BE TO HAVE YOUR OWN PERSONAL LIBRARY, A PLACE FILLED WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE ARMY, YOUR CAREER, EDUCATION, FINANCES AND BENEFITS.

WELL, NOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR OWN LIBRARY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

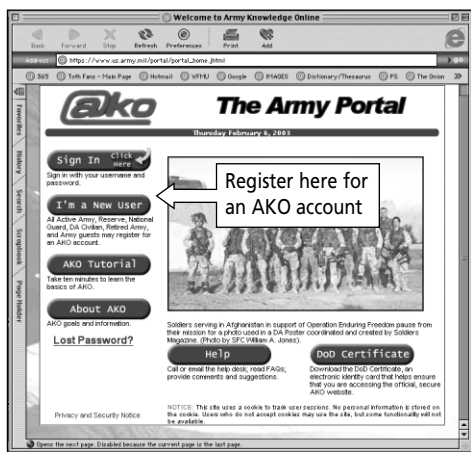
IT'S CALLED **ARMY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE (AKO)**, AND IT'S AS CLOSE AS A PERSONAL COMPUTER AND THE WORLD WIDE WEB.



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Set Up an Account

To access the AKO home page, go to:
<https://www.us.army.mil>



Once there, you'll need to register for an account. Click on I'm a New User. Enter the required information and submit it. After your account is activated, you can go back to the home page and sign in using your user name and your password.

Gateway to the Army

AKO is known as the Army Portal. It's a gateway with many links leading straight to information, services and online tools—all of it geared to you, the soldier.

Here are some of AKO's basic features:

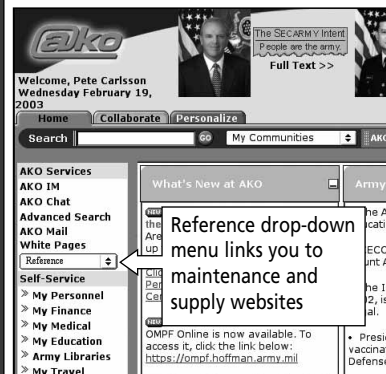
- **Channels**, or small windows, that group similar kinds of information.
- **Personal Pages** that you create to fit your needs.
- **Email and Instant Messenger**.
- **Search Engine** that focuses on the .mil domain.
- **Online Tools and Storage Space**.

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World of Knowledge



One feature in particular can open up a world of knowledge for you. It's the Reference drop-down menu, located under "AKO Services" in the left-hand column on the home page. The menu has links to news articles and commentary about defense, travel regulations, legal services, desktop tools, pay rates and more. You'll find it especially helpful if you work in maintenance or supply. It's your doorway to web sites for publications, forms, Army regs, schools, education and careers.



Publications and Forms

Here's a closer look at finding publications, regulations and forms through AKO:

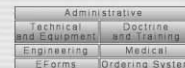
Open the Reference drop-down menu under "AKO Services." You'll see a number of links.

- Click on the Pubs & Forms link to find —Official DA, DOD, GSA and OPM forms.
- Doctrinal and training, engineering, medical, and technical and equipment publications.

Direct links to electronic publications and forms

Official Department of the Army Publications and Forms

Official Department of Army (DA) publications and forms are managed by the Army Publishing Directorate (APD) under the direction of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (AASA). The Army uses the latest publishing technologies to produce high-quality, enhanced electronic publications and forms. This is the latest collection of electronic Army publications and DA forms.



- Manuals links you directly to field manuals in the General Dennis J. Reimer Training and Doctrine Digital Library.
- Libraries links you to the Army Library Program and the Military Reading Room. From there, you can track other links to reading lists, E-Journals, Army newspapers, newsletters and publications such as *Armor*, *Army Aviation*, *Army Logistician*, *NCO Journal*, *Signal*, and *PS*, the *Preventive Maintenance Monthly*.
- The Regulations link takes you to a web page for administrative publications, including Army regulations.

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Career and Education

AND HERE'S A LOOK AT AKO LINKS TO CAREER AND EDUCATION WEB SITES...



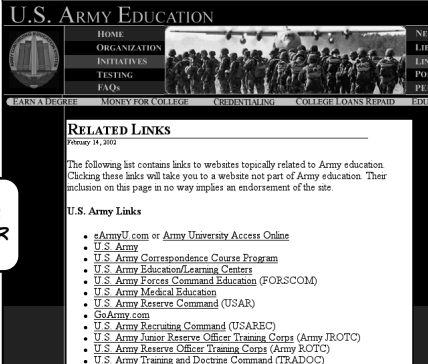
Open the Reference drop-down menu under "AKO Services." Click on Education. It takes you directly to the US Army Education home page. Next, open up Links on the top right-hand side of the page for a variety of educational opportunities:

EXPLORE EDUCATION AND CAREER WEBSITES.



- **eArmyU.com.** Web-based distance learning programs to help soldiers get a certificate or degree when traditional classroom courses are unavailable. Programs include technical, undergraduate and graduate courses.
- **The Army Correspondence Course Program.**
- **goarmy.com.** Military Occupational Specialties, and the major duties and the training required for them.

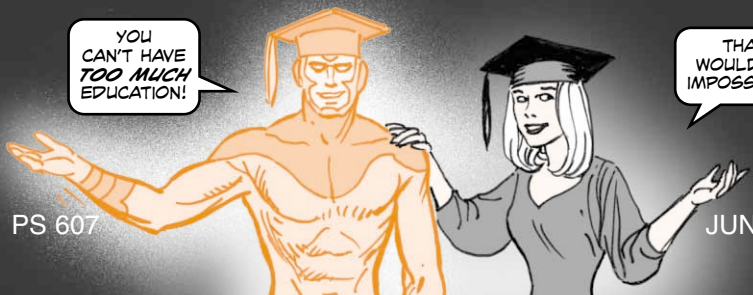
http://www.armyeducation.army.mil/Related_Links.html



- **TRADOC.** Links to all the TRADOC schools, including Armor, Engineer, Field Artillery, Infantry, Intelligence, Signal and Transportation.
- **The Army Distributed Learning Program,** which includes MOS qualification courses.
- **Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Army Degrees (SOCAD) Army Careers Degree Program.** Learn how to translate your Army training into college credit.

YOU CAN'T HAVE TOO MUCH EDUCATION!

THAT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE!



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BACK ON THE U.S. ARMY EDUCATION HOME PAGE, YOU'LL FIND A FEW MORE HELPFUL LINKS...

• Money For College

Scholarship programs and financial assistance for education.

• Credentialing

Learn how to meet civilian occupational certification and license requirements related to your MOS.

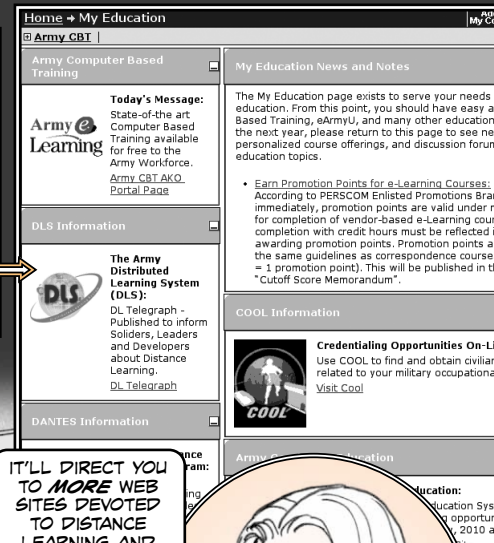
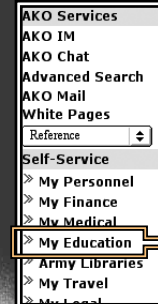
• Earn a Degree

Transcript service, basic academic skills training, college credit for military service, earning a high school diploma.

LOOK AT THIS! MONEY FOR COLLEGE!



THERE'S ONE OTHER PLACE YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK-- CLICK ON THE MY EDUCATION LINK UNDER SELF-SERVICE IN THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN ON THE AKO HOME PAGE.



IT'LL DIRECT YOU TO MORE WEB SITES DEVOTED TO DISTANCE LEARNING AND COMPUTER-BASED TRAINING.

